# 2014 Annual General Meeting for the Association for Women in the Sciences.

Held at COLT122, Kelburn Campus, Victoria University of Wellington

Meeting opened at 4:42pm

**Present:** Esther Haines, Natalie Harfoot, Tracy Farr, Hazel Gatehouse, Sarah Wilcox, Baljinder Devgun, Angela Brandt, Nicolette Rattenbury, Elissa Cameron, Elizabeth Daly, Melissa Griffin, Susan Corley, Malina Storer, Emma Timewell, Nicola Gaston, Sarah McKenzie, Eva Anton, Wendy Nelson, Judy Sutherland, Ana Clarke, Desna Whaanga, Sara Mikaloff-Fletcher, Lauren Fletcher, Joanne Clapcott, Di Tracey, Deb Crittenden, Patricia Durence

**Apologies:** Carolyn Lundquist, Miriam Hall, Liz Carpenter

**2013 AGM Minutes**

Minutes of the previous AGM were tabled.

Addition of Liz Carpenter to Executive membership list was noted.

Emma Timewell moved to accept the minutes of the 2013 AGM with proviso to make the amendment as above. Natalie Harfoot seconded. Passed.

**Matters arising from previous minutes**

There were no matters arising

**Convenor's report**

Esther Haines tabled the Convenor’s report (attached)

Baljinder Devgun moved to accept the Convenor’s report. Hazel Gatehouse seconded. Passed.

**Treasurer's report**

Hazel Gatehouse tabled the Treasurer’s report (attached)

Hazel moved to accept the Treasurer’s report. Emma Timewell seconded. Passed.

**Election of Officers:**

*National Convenor* – Emma Timewell nominated by Malina Storer. Seconded by Hazel Gatehouse.

*Auckland convenor* – Nicolette Rattenburg. Seconded by Emma Timewell.

*Waikato convenor* – no nominations

*Wellington convenor* - Baljinder Devgun. Seconded by Natalie Harfoot

*Christchurch convenor* – Kimberlee Jordan. Seconded by Malina Storer

*Dunedin convenors* –Natalie Harfoot and Rachel Davidson. Seconded by Baljinder Devgun

*Palmerston North* *convenor* – Elizabeth Daly. Seconded by Hazel Gatehouse

*Nelson convenor* – Lauren Fletcher. Seconded by Baljinder Devgun

*Secretary* – Miriam Hall. Seconded by Emma Timewell

*Treasurer* – Hazel Gatehouse. Seconded Baljinder Devgun

*Membership secretary* – Malina Storer. Seconded by Emma Timewell

*Editor* – Michelle Thunders. Seconded by Baljinder Devgun

*Executive members* – Esther Haines, Ana Clarke, Cilla Wehi. Seconded by Natalie Harfoot

**Other business**

Emma Timewell formally thanked Esther for her time as National Convenor.

Emma Timewell asked if AWIS should pursue membership to RSNZ. Tracy Farr advised membership would be between $500 and $1500 (depending on number of members in AWIS). Membership would provide voting rights for Council positions, RSNZ information, Fellowship nominations, credibility to AWIS. Tracy recommended AWIS consider joining at the beginning of the calendar year to get the most out of the membership ie Fellowship and council membership voting closes in Feb annually. Emma polled interest in membership. ~50% were for, 50% were unsure/abstained. Malina proposed the Executive to investigate further for next year. Baljinder Devgun seconded. Online poll for members to be considered. Tracey Farr to send further information to AWIS for consideration.

Malina Storer offered formal thanks to Liz Carpenter and Carolyn Lundquist for their contribution to the AWIS executive. Esther Haines seconded.

The meeting closed at 5:14pm